



## 1999 Robert Craig Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Notes	Located in the rugged mountain range east of St. Helena, Howell Mountain is noted for producing Cabernets of great depth and concentration. The 1999 Howell Mountain Cabernet is infused with bright, intense black fruit and dark spices in a powerful yet refined offering that conveys the best qualities of this exceptional appellation. This is a full-bodied, mouth-filling Cabernet, exhibiting pure, sweet fruit flavors and ripe, round tannins in a harmonious, well-balanced presentation.
Tasting Notes	<i>Aroma:</i> Vibrant nose of black fruit, cracked white pepper, cassis and tobacco with subtle hints of sweet, creamy oak. <i>Flavors:</i> Intense, forward flavors of currant, blackberry, dusty mountain spice and pepper with herb nuances, unfolding to reveal exceptional depth and silky texture. <i>Finish:</i> An expansive, flavorful finish of boysenberry, mocha, and vanilla that lingers on the palate. <i>General:</i> This concentrated yet graceful Howell Mountain Cabernet delivers lush, appealing black fruit aromas and complex, enticing flavors. A supple, velvety-textured wine with well-integrated tannins, offering excellent potential for long-term aging.
Wine Information	<i>Harvest date:</i> October 20 <i>Average sugar:</i> 25.1 ° Brix <i>TA:</i> .66 <i>pH:</i> 3.72 <i>Alcohol:</i> 13.8% <i>Barrel Aging:</i> 17 months in Chateau-style barrels, using 50% new oak (90% French, 10% American) and 50% 1-2 year oak. <i>Blend:</i> 100% Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Bottling Date:</i> May 2001 <i>Total Production:</i> 960 cases <i>Price:</i> California suggested retail price is \$48.00 per bottle. <i>Release date:</i> October 2002